

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Manabu HONMA, et al. CONF No.: 9917  
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Examiner : Satish Chandra  
For : PROCESSING APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 9, 2009. A response was due September 9, 2009 and so a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time accompanies this response to extend the period for reply to October 9, 2009. Accordingly, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.